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In re application of :
Wolfgang HALFBRODT et al. : Group Art Unit: 1614
Serial No.: 09/759,360 : Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: : January 16, 2001 :
For: 1,2 DIARYLBENZIMIDAZOLES AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to calculation of the fees:

In the Claims:

Claims 3-10, 12-14 and 17-24 have been amended as follows:

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3. Benzimidazoles according to claim 1, wherein
R² means a monocyclic or bicyclic C₆₋₁₀ aryl group or a monocyclic or bicyclic 5- to 10-membered heteroaryl group with 1-2 heteroatoms selected from the group that consists of N, S or O, whereby the mentioned aryl or heteroaryl group can be substituted with up to three of the following substituents, independently of one another:
F, Cl, Br,
XOH, XOR⁴, XOCOR⁴, XOCONHR⁴, XOCOOR⁴,
XCOR⁴, XC(NOH)R⁴, XC(NOR⁴)R⁴, XC(NO(COR⁴))R⁴,
XCOOH, XCOOR⁴, XCONH₂, XCONHR⁴, XCONR⁴R⁴, XCONHOH,
XCONHOR⁴, XCOSR⁴,
XSR⁴, XSOR⁴, XSO₂R⁴, SO₂NH₂, SO₂NHR⁴, SO₂NR⁴R⁴,